





# Dr. Thompson's Celebrated Eye-Water.

**T**HERE are few diseases to which mankind are subject, that are more distressing than Sore Eyes, and none perhaps for which more remedies have been used without success. Having long been acquainted with these facts, and having by the use of my Eye-Water, effected a complete cure of my own eyes under great inflammation and consequent debility: also, having for many years proved its superior efficacy, in numerous obstinate cases of long standing, in all parts of our country, of which I have ample testimonials from very respectable characters. I am therefore emboldened to say, that for safety and efficacy, it has perhaps never been equalled in removing Ophthalmia, or inflammations of the eyes, at their commencement, and in curing sore eyes from a distillation of sharp humours, inducing such debility in them that vision is effected with the utmost difficulty.

In all common complaints of the eyes, it will be found a speedy and efficacious remedy. This celebrated Collyrium is made of materials very different from those commonly used for sore eyes. The proprietor is so sanguine that it will give relief in every instance where it is applied agreeable to the directions, that he hesitates not to authorise his agents to refund the money, in every case where the Eye-Water does not perform what it promises.

## DIRECTIONS FOR USING THE EYE-WATER.

Wet a soft linen rag with the Eye-Water, and apply it in the most gentle manner, four or five times a day, especially the last thing on going to bed, and the first thing in the morning. It will be necessary in most cases to reduce the Eye-Water before it is applied to the Eyes, as it is put up too strong to apply to highly inflamed Eyes, without being reduced before it is used. The best mode of applying the Eye-Water, I have found to be as follows: Where the eyes are highly inflamed, take one teaspoonful of the Eye-Water from the phial, and add three teaspoonfuls of soft water, (rose water is preferable when to be obtained)—apply this to the Eyes as above directed until it is all used; the next time add only two teaspoonfuls of soft water to one of the Eye-Water, and use as before directed, after which as the inflammation goes off, it will do to use it in its full strength. In inveterate cases of long standing, it is very advisable to take, during the application of the Eye-Water, a small dose of Rochelle or Epsom Salts, two or three times a week.

In future, to prevent Counterfeits, a Red Label will be pasted on the out side of the envelope of each bottle of the Eye-Water, and signed in the hand writing of I. Thompson, of New-London, Conn.—the inventor and sole proprietor of this valuable Eye-Water. None except it have the signature above described, can possibly be genuine.

The Bottle also containing the Eye-Water, has these words stamped on it, viz. "Dr. Thompson's Eye-Water, New-London, Conn."

The proprietor is in possession of a great number of letters and certificates, giving an account of the great efficacy of this Eye Water, from which he thinks proper to publish the following:

From Elisha Allen, Esq. Post-Master, Sandford, State of Maine.  
Sandford, February 17, 1823.

Dear Sir,—as it respects your Eye-Water, several years ago I took a violent cold, which settled in my eyes, and was apprehensive I should lose my sight, I applied to different Physicians for relief—one prescribed one thing and another would prescribe something else. I mentioned to one of my neighbours a brother trader, who had been afflicted with sore eyes, he asked me if ever I had tried Dr. Thompson's Eye-Water. I informed that I had not, but from his recommendation I purchased one Phial, and before half used, my eyes were perfectly well, and since that time, I have kept it for sale, and the sale is increasing daily—I can say that there is no Patent Medicine in so high esteem in this quarter, as Lee's W. Billious Pills, and Dr. Thompson's Eye-water—Respectfully your obedient servant and unknown friend, ELISHA ALLEN.

From Adams & Jackson, Druggists, Portland Me.  
Portland, 14th April, 1823.

Dr. Thompson, Sir,—Having had a quantity of your Eye water, in our care, and still wishing to keep it for sale, as there has been frequent enquiries for it, if you have no agent here, we should be happy to receive a quantity on consignment. It is probable we might sell a number of gross in the course of the season, the most of one gross having been sold in the store which we now occupy within a short time. Please write by mail immediately, as we may lose the sale of the article, and send as soon as you can make it convenient. Yours in haste, ADAMS & JACKSON.

I do hereby certify that I was afflicted with very sore eyes, for three years, and after trying every other kind of Eye-water recommended by the Physicians and others, and finding no relief, but rather an increase of the disorder, I was advised to use Dr. Thompson's celebrated Eye-water, which perfectly cured my eyes in ten days. I do recommend the said Eye-Water to all persons afflicted with this disease, as a perfect cure. JOSHUA EVANS.

Snow-Hill, Maryland, July 20, 1809.

I do hereby certify, that having been troubled with very sore eyes, I was perfectly cured in a few days, after making use of Dr. Isaac Thompson's celebrated Eye-Water, and do recommend it to those who are afflicted with that disease.

FREDERICK CONNOR.

Snow-Hill, Maryland, July 20, 1809.

Copy of a letter, from Mr. Richard Sturges, sen. to James Givan, Esq. Agent for selling Dr. Thompson's Eye-Water, at Snow-Hill, Maryland.

James Givan, Esq.—Sir, I have the pleasure to inform you that by using Dr. Thompson's Eye-Water, I am perfectly cured of the disagreeable affliction of sore eyes, which I have been labouring under for twenty-five years. After trying every thing recommended by physicians and others, I was at length brought to despair of ever having my eyes cured, and thought I should be at last deprived of my sight. Feeling a wish that others who are afflicted with the same disease may find relief—I wish you to publish the above.

April 20, 1811.

RICHARD STURGES, sen.

N. B.—I am now a man of about 70 years of age, and have the use of my eye-sight as well as any man of my acquaintance.

RICHARD STURGES, sen.

I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with Mr. Richard Sturges, sen. Frederick Connor, and Joshua Evans, and believe them to be men of veracity. JAMES GIVAN, Justice Peace, Worcester County, Maryland.

For sale by Regular Agents, in most of the Cities and Towns in the United States — Price Small bottles 25 cts. Large bottles 50 cents.

From Doctor W. Stearns,

Salem, (Ms.) July, 14, 1817.

Dr. Isaac Thompson—Sir, about five years ago, I was much afflicted with a severe inflammation in my eyes which continued a long time. I made use of many applications, such as are commonly prescribed for sore eyes, and had the advice of many respectable Physicians, but could get no relief. I was at last advised to make use of your celebrated Eye-Water, and by a few applications of it to my eyes, they were completely cured, and have continued well ever since. I consider your Eye-Water a valuable medicine, and recommend it in all cases of sore and inflamed eyes. I remain, respectfully, your friend. WM. STEARNS.

Extract of a letter from Dr. Paul Swift, M. D.

Nantucket, 6th Mo. 19th, 1821.

Dr. I. Thompson—I have lately made use of a dozen or two phials of thy Eye-Water, in my practice, and find it of superior efficacy in most cases of Ophthalmia. As I keep a small drug and medicine store, can often dispose of it, if not too high. This consideration, with my frequent use for it in practice, induces me to write. If thou wilt furnish me soon, at a fair price, I shall be obliged.

Respectfully,

PAUL SWIFT, M. D.

Providence, Aug. 1, 1838.

This may certify that I have been entirely cured of weakness in my eyes, by use of one bottle of Dr. Thompson's Eye-Water, after all other experiments had proved to be of no use for three years.—The Eye-Water was purchased of Dr. Hoppin.

LEADER DAM.

Providence, Dec. 30, 1818.

Dr. I. Thompson—Sir, above you have Mr. L. Dam's certificate I can assure you from a personal knowledge of this case, that his eyes were bad in the extreme; being highly inflamed, and the external coat much turned out, having been in this situation more than three years. This cure was so effectual and strikingly interesting, that I procured this certificate for your use. I could procure many more of equal cures where I have prescribed the Eye-Water. You have my permission to use this information in any way you may think proper, as the public in my opinion, are not fully apprised of the value of this medicine. I am truly yours, G. W. HOPPIN.

Copy of a letter from Mr. Samuel D. Dixon of the House of Sheldon & Dixon, Druggists, New-Orleans.

New-Orleans, March 4, 1824.

Dear Sir,—In the year 1815, I was attacked with the Small-Pox in the city of New York, and had it severely; since which time, until I applied your Eye-Water, about ten months ago, my Eyes were subject to continual inflammation and weakness. One bottle (large size) has entirely cured them, and at this moment, they are perfectly free from even the appearance of inflammation. Yours respectfully, SAMUEL D. DIXON.

From Dr. Vine Utley.—This may certify, that I have practiced Medicine as a Physician for 30 years, during this long period of my practice, I have made use of various kinds of Eye-Water, in both acute and chronic inflammation of the eyes, and I believe with as good success as physicians in general: after all, I find no Eye-Water equal to that prepared by Dr. Isaac Thompson, of New-London, Con. I would advise those who make use of it to be particular to follow the directions of the Doctor, in applying it to the Eyes.

Lyme, October 4, 1827.

VINE UTLEY.

Druggists and others who may wish to purchase this valuable medicine, or sell it on commission, will please to apply to Doctor ISAAC THOMPSON, New-London, Connecticut, the sole proprietor. A liberal discount will be made to those who purchase by the quantity.



Dear Mother, I received your letter of the 14th inst. and was much  
 pleased to hear from you. I am well and hope this letter  
 will find you the same. I have not much news to write at  
 present. I am still in the same place, and am doing as well  
 as could be expected. I have not much time to write at  
 present, but will write again soon. I am, dear Mother,  
 ever your affectionate son,  
 Wm. L. Garrison.

I have been entirely cured of weakness &  
 my use of one bottle of the Thompson's Kidney Pills, after  
 my first evening had proved to me of no use for three years —  
 I am one of the blessed  
 Dr. J. C. Thompson  
 Providence Aug 1, 1860

Dr. J. Thompson - Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours,  
J. W. HOPKIN.

Dr. Thompson's  
Eye Water

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